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Students from the Saturn School in downtown Saint Paul prepare artwork for Mayor Norm Coleman's State of the City Address held at the School on March 23, 1999.

Get Ready 2000 - 300 Day Y2K Update **City Update Will Feature Monthly Y2K Column**

In less than 300 days, Saint Paul and the rest of the world will find out how well computers adapt to changes associated with the new century. At a March press briefing marking 300 Days to Y2K, Mayor Norm Coleman provided an update on Get Ready 2000, the City's community preparedness plan, and stressed the importance of bringing government, community and business together to prepare for the uncertainty associated with Y2K.

"Y2K is more than just a problem for computers," Mayor Coleman said. "Getting a city ready for this is a challenge but also an opportunity to strengthen the relationships between government, the private sector, neighborhood organizations and residents. No one can predict what will happen on Jan. 1, 2000, and it's why we need to work together to make sure Saint Paul is ready. The steps we are taking now will make the community stronger and more prepared for any future events and disasters."

Get Ready 2000 coordinates the resources of the police and fire departments, Park and Recreation and other city departments to meet anticipated public safety concerns. Police and fire officials are distributing information for people who are taking extra precautions for Y2K.

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Saint Paul Residency Requirement Repealed

As a result of a recent law enacted by the Minnesota Legislature, the City of Saint Paul residency policy is no longer in effect for either classified or unclassified City employees.

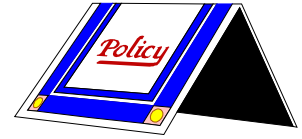
If you are a City employee who claimed elective residency points on a civil service examination or are an appointed unclassified employee, you are no longer required to establish or maintain residency in the City of Saint Paul as a condition of your employment.

If you have any questions about the City's residency policy, please contact Mark Robertson in the Human Resource Office at 266-6471.

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar

The Spring sessions of the semi-annual Pre-retirement Planning Seminar are scheduled for April 15, 22 and 29. Guest speakers will address Social Security, public pensions, fitness, nutrition, legal readiness, estate planning, financial planning, deferred compensation, benefits, insurance and severance issues. All sessions will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon in rooms 40 A & B of City Hall.



Please register for this seminar only if you are able to attend all three days. Enrollment is limited to 50 City employees. Please submit a Risk Management Seminar Application, signed by your supervisor, to the Risk Management Division, 150 City Hall by 4:30 p.m. April 8. Be sure to include your partner's name on the application if s/he will also attend the seminar.

Deferred Compensation Plan Improvements

Beginning July 1, 1999, the Minnesota State Deferred Compensation Plan will change in an effort to make the plan more "participant friendly." The enhancements to the plan will include:

- Significantly lower fees!
- One consolidated statement.
- Increased investment options.
- Easier access to account information:
 - one phone number for all inquiries;
 - an interactive voice response system; and,
 - Internet access.

All City employees currently participating in deferred compensation will receive a transition kit from the State explaining the changes. To find out more about the plan improvements and how they will affect you, please attend one of the meetings listed below which will be presented by Ochs Services. Be sure to bring your transition kit with you!

If you are not currently enrolled in the deferred compensation plan, you can attend one of the meetings to learn about the benefits of investing for your retirement with the new and improved Minnesota State Deferred Compensation Plan.

Monday, April 12	Central Library	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
	City Hall - Room 41	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Water Treatment Plant	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14	Como Shop Carpenter's Garage	7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 15	Hamline Yard	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
	Vadnais Heights Pumping Station	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
	Public Works Street Maintenance	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 16	City Hall - Room 41	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 23	Hazel Park Rec Center	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Additional meetings for Fire personnel are scheduled for April 19-23 and for Police personnel May 17-21. Schedules will be posted in their departments. Please call Ochs Services at 651-665-4300 if you have any questions about the meeting locations.





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"People are taking steps on their own by buying extra food, batteries and other supplies," said Al Bataglia, Assistant Fire Chief. "At the same time, we don't want people stockpiling gasoline in the garage or doing other things that may cause public safety problems. It's good that people want to get ready and our goal is to make sure people are taking the right steps."

City Update will begin running a monthly series on preparing for the Year 2000. In addition, Saint Paul's Y2K Web site (www.stpaul.gov/y2k) will feature reliable and accurate planning information. If you would like to see a specific Y2K topic addressed, please send an email to cityupdate@stpaul.gov.

Internet Celebration - Student Art Exchange

Fifth grade students from Saint Paul helped Saint Paul-de-Vence France celebrate Internet Day by exchanging drawings via the World Wide Web. Saint Paul children created drawings that showed their diverse heritage, their favorite places and much more. One drawing even celebrates communicating by e-mail.

"Global friendships lay the groundwork for a future of global commerce and the attainment of worldwide peace and prosperity," Mayor Norm Coleman said. "This exchange of drawings by Saint Paul children and the children of Saint Paul-de-Vence are the beginnings of a future that truly spans our entire world."

To see the drawings or learn more about the Internet Day Celebration, visit <http://www.stpaul.gov/mayor/stpaulweb.html>.

On The Calendar

March 27 - Dinosaur Fossil Event

Science Museum of Minnesota - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tickets: Adult \$5; seniors and children 4-15 \$4;

free with museum admission

Contact: (651) 221-9444 or www.smm.org

April 8 - 11 - Saint Paul Osman Shrine Circus Minnesota

State Fair Coliseum - Various times

Tickets: Various ticket prices available

Contact: (651) 452-5662

Employee Spotlight

Cha Vang has joined the Mayor's Office as an assistant to the Mayor, focusing specifically on Asian issues.



Prior to joining the Mayor's Office, Vang held a number of positions in the financial industry, serving as a financial analyst, accounting technician and loan officer.

He also served as a Special Assistant to the Office of General Vang Pao, the National Leader of the Hmong People, overseeing communications, public relations efforts and youth development projects.

Vang has also developed outreach strategies for strengthening and unifying Hmong communities. His work also focused on analyzing the Hmong communities' economic strengths and weaknesses

"Cha will help Saint Paul continue to improve and expand the relationships we have with our growing Hmong community," Mayor Coleman said. "He brings experience in business, government and international relations to our office and will be a key part of our work to expand connections and opportunities with the Hmong people."

Vang fills the position vacated by Hoa Young, who has accepted a position with the City's Planning and Economic Development Department.



150 Trivia

Each week a trivia question about the history of Saint Paul will appear in City Update with answers provided in the following issue.

March 26 Trivia Question

Q: Which U.S. President was also a commander of Fort Snelling?

March 12 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: Who was the target of an assassination attempt in 1884 in Saint Paul's Grand Opera House?

A: Sitting Bull

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Pioneer Party Calendar

The City is celebrating its sesquicentennial by having 150 Pioneer Parties throughout 1999.

Dates and locations of Pioneer Parties will be announced on the City's web page - www.stpaul.gov/activities/stpaul150, Pioneer Press Express section, on KS95, and on KSTP AM 1500.

Join in Saint Paul's 150th Birthday Celebration. Stop by this upcoming party:

April 7 - University Club Downtown (Butler's)

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Complimentary Appetizers - Cash Bar

Job Openings as of March 26, 1999

Application Deadline	Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
Open	Clerk - Typist II	\$867.58	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	TBN
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	TBN
04/10/99	**Golf Ranger (seasonal part-time)	\$6.01 per hr	04/10/99
Open	House Custodian I (part-time)	\$7.00 per hr	TBN
04/06/99	Human Resource Clerk	\$1122.28	04/21/99
03/30/99	Human Resources Records Clerk (prom)	\$1179.15	04/13/99
Open	Library Associate (part-time)	\$1086.23	Quals
Open	Parks & Recreation Assistant (seasonal part-time)	\$5.50 per hr	TBN
Open	Park Aide (seasonal part-time)	\$6.88 per hr	Quals
04/05/99	Park Concession Supervisor (prom)	\$979.34	04/16/99
04/10/99	**Refectory Attendant (seasonal part-time)	\$8.41 per hr	04/10/99
04/07/99	Senior Pool Attendant (seasonal part-time)	\$8.75 per hr	TBN
04/07/99	Swimming Pool Supervisor (seasonal part-time)	\$10.25 per hr	TBN
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN
Open	Water Safety Instructor & Life Guard (seasonal)	\$7.75 & \$7.25	TBN

****This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.**

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after March 4, please call our 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.